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NIGHT LEAD EISENHOWER
BY MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WITH EISENHOWER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, DEC. 17 (AP)--PRESIDENT EISENHOWER STEAMED TONIGHT TOWARD A CLIMACTIC POINT OF HIS TOUR--THE WESTERN SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS.

HE BEGAN WORK ON SUMMIT PAPERS ABOARD THE U.S. CRUISER DES MOINES A FEW HOURS AFTER LOCKING ARMS IN FRIENDSHIP WITH TUNISIA'S PRO-WESTERN PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA.

DURING A VISIT OF LESS THAN FOUR HOURS IN TUNISIA, A HOTBED OF THE ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED A WILD WELCOME FROM ABOUT 200,000 MEN AND WOMEN IN LONG WHITE ROBES AND CHILDREN IN RED GYM SUITS.

THE FIVE-YEAR ALGERIAN REBELLION AND THE ECONOMIC DISTRESS OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT TUNISIA WERE AMONG SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY EISENHOWER AND BOURGUIBA DURING A 2-HOUR LAMB CHOP BREAKFAST IN THE TUNISIAN PRESIDENT'S MOORISH PALACE.

A JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID THE TWO MEN FELT GRAVE CONCERN OVER FAILURE TO END THE ALGERIAN WAR. BOTH ENDORSED PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE'S OFFER TO LET ALGERIANS DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT THEY WANT.

BOURGUIBA ALREADY HAS URGED ALGERIAN REBELS, WHO USE TUNIS AS THEIR CAPITAL, TO NEGOTIATE ON DE GAULLE'S OFFER. TERMS ONA CEASE FIRE HAVE BROUGHT A DEADLOCK.

BOURGUIBA, TIRED OF THE LONG WAR ON HIS DOORSTEP, WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE URGED EISENHOWER TO TRY INFLUENCING DE GAULLE TO HURRY A SETTLEMENT.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID "THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY AFRICAN AND ASIAN PEOPLES IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF OUR TIMES."

WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY SAID BOURGUIBA TALKED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF HIS SMALL AND IMPOVERISHED COUNTRY, BUT DID NOT DIRECTLY ASK FOR MORE AMERICAN AID. TUNISIA IS RECEIVING ABOUT 40 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR.

TUNISIANS GREETED EISENHOWER LIKE A RICH UNCLE WHO COULD MAKE THEIR LIFE A LOT HAPPIER. BECAUSE A TIGHT SCHEDULE PREVENTED THE PRESIDENT FROM GOING INTO TUNIS, TUNIS CAME TO HIM. THOUSANDS JOURNEYED TO LA MARSA, 10 MILES OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL, BY DONKEY, BYCYCLE, BUS, TRUCK AND AFOOT AND STOOD SHIVERING IN THE MORNING COLD.

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THE ROTORS OF EISENHOWER'S HELICOPTER, WHICH LANDED HIM FROM THE DES MOINES, BEAT DOWN NEWLY PLANTED PALM TREES AROUND A SPECIALLY BUILT LANDING STRIP.

"YIA HIA (LONG LIVE) IKE," THE CROWD SHOUTED.

THE LANDING WAS SIX MINUTES AHEAD OF TIME. BOURGUIBA WAS AT THE WRONG END OF THE FIELD BUT RUSHED UP WITH OUTSTRETCHED HANDS. EISENHOWER, LOOKING RESTED FROM TWO DAYS AT SEA, STOOD BAREHEADED.

THE FIRST WORDS OF BOURGUIBA, A DIRECT TALKER, MUST HAVE SURPRISED THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID THE VISIT BROUGHT HIGH HOPES TO AFRICANS FIGHTING TO LIQUIDATE THE "LAST OUTPOSTS OF A STUBBORN COLONIALISM."

NOTING THAT EISENHOWER WAS BACK AT THE SCENE OF WORLD WAR II TRIUMPHS IN NORTH AFRICA, HE WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT "ON THIS SOIL WHICH YOU DELIVERED FROM DESPOTISM." TUNISIA WILL NEVER FORGET AMERICA'S SUPPORT IN HELPING HER GET INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER REPLIED THAT HE HOPED TUNISIANS, AMERICANS AND OTHER FREE PEOPLES BY WORKING TOGETHER "MAY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN THE WORLD."

AFTER A 10-MINUTE CEREMONY, THE TWO PRESIDENTS STOOD IN AN OPEN AUTOMOBILE AND DROVE 200 YARDS TO BOURGUIBA'S HOUSE. A GUARD, IN WHITE TURBANS AND CLOAKS OVER RED UNIFORMS, STOOD THERE WITH DRAWN SABERS.

WHEN THE TWO MEN EMERGED, BOURGUIBA LED EISENHOWER TO A THREE-YEAR-OLD ARAB HORSE. SADDLED IN CRIMSON AND GOLD, AND PRESENTED THE HORSE AND TWO GA ELLES AS GIFTS.

EISENHOWER STROKED THE NECK OF THE HORSE AND PATTED ITS NOSE, AND GAVE A LOW WHISTLE OF AMAZEMENT WHEN TOLD THE GA ELLES COULD SPRINT 50 MILES AN HOUR.

THE PRESIDENT MADE A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE CEMETERY WHERE 2,840 AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN NORTH AFRICA LIE BURIED.

THEN, AGAIN STANDING WITH BOURGUIBA IN AN OPEN AUTOMOBILE, WAVING AND SMILING, HE BEGAN A TRIUMPHAL DRIVE TO EL AOUINA AIRFIELD.

CROWDS YELLED ALL THE WAY. THE YOUGH ORGANI ATION OF NEO DESTOUR, BOURGUIBA'S PARTY, HAD MOBILIZED THOUSANDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS TO SWELL THE CROWD. GIANT SIGNS CALLED FOR TUNISIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. ONE SAID "THERE IS NO PEACE AND SECURITY FOR DEPENDENT PEOPLE.

BEFORE CLIMBING INTO HIS HELICOPTER FOR THE FLIGHT BACK TO THE DES MOINES, EISENHOWER HOOKED AN ARM IN BOURGUIBA'S AND THEY RAISED THE ARMS TOGETHER IN A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP.

THE SHIP WAS UNDER WAY WITHIN MINUTES AFTER THE PRESIDENT RETURNED FROM THE THIRD CONTINENT HE HAS VISITED ON THIS TOUR.

HE SPENT PART OF THE AFTERNOON WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE ROBERT D. MURPHY WORKING ON PAPERS FOR THE WESTERN SUMMIT MEETINGS THAT BEGIN IN PARIS SATURDAY.

APART FROM THIS WORK, HAGERTY SAID, EISENHOWER PLANNED NOTHING UNTIL HE ARRIVES AT TOULON AT NOON TOMORROW AND TAKES A TRAIN FOR A NINE-HOUR RIDE TO PARIS.

THE PRESIDENT LOOKED WELL DESPITE THE FACT HE IS BOTHERED BY CHRONIC BRONCHITIS AND WAS HATLESS A GOOD PART OF THE TIME HE WAS ASHORE.

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PRECEDE TUNIS
EISENHOWER 200 UP
BY JOHN SCALI

WITH EISENHOWER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, DEC. 17 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER RECEIVED THE CHEERS OF THOUSANDS OF TUNISIANS TODAY AND DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA THE WAR IN ALGERIA. HE THEN RESUMED HIS VOYAGE TO TOULON, FRANCE, ABOARD THE U.S. CRUISER DES MOINES.

WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY SAID THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN THEIR TUNIS MEETING ENDORSED FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE'S PROPOSALS FOR ENDING THE ALGERIAN CONFLICT BY AN OFFER OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HAGERTY STRESSED THAT THE TWO PRESIDENTS DID NOT SEEK TO SETTLE THE CONFLICT, LEAVING THAT TO THE ALGERIANS AND FRENCH THEMSELVES.

A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AN HOUR AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S BRIEF VISIT SAID THE TWO LEADERS AGREED FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION IN ALGERIA WAS OF "GRAVE CONCERN."

"THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY AFRICAN AND ASIAN PEOPLES IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF OUR TIMES," THE COMMUNWQUE SAID.

RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF HIS NORTH AFRICAN TRIUMPHS AS A GENERAL IN WORLD WAR II, EISENHOWER WAS HAILED BY THOUSANDS OF TUNISIANS SHOUTING "YIA HIA (LONG LIVE) IKE" AS HE LANDED AT LA MARSA, A TUNIS SUBURB.

A HELICOPTER FLEW HIM FROM THE DES MOINES TO THE SPECIALLY BUILT LANDING SPOT ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM BOURGUIBA'S WHITE MOBRISH STYLE PALACE.

BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO ENTER TUNIS DURING HIS THREE-HOUR VISIT, HUNDREDS OF BUSES AND TRUCKS BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS TO LA MARSA. THE WATCHWORD OF TUNISIA'S RULING NEO DESTOUR (INDEPENDENCE) PARTY WAS "TUNIS WILL COME TO HIM."

THE CROWDS WAVED AND CHEERED DURING THE SHORT PARADE TO BOURGUIBA'S PALACE WHERE THE TWO MEN TALKED OVER A LAMB CHOP BREAKFAST.

OTHER CROWDS ESTIMATED AT 200,000--SWARTHY MEN IN THICK BURNOOSES AND WOMEN IN WHITE ROBES--APPLAUDED, SHOUTED AND WAVED AS THE PRESIDENT DROVE THE SIX MILES TO EL AOUINA AIRPORT AND TOOK OFF AGAIN IN HIS HELICOPTER FOR THE DES MOINES.

THE DRIVE HAD BEEN ARRANGED SO THE TUNISIAN PEOPLE COULD SEE HIM.

SIGNS ALONG THE WAY STRESSED TUNISIANS' ARDENT INTEREST IN THE FATE OF THEIR BROTHER ALGERIANS AND THE ISSUES OF COLONIALISM AND INDEPENDENCE.

"THERE IS NO PEACE AND SECURITY FOR DEPENDENT PEOPLE", SAID ONE SIGN.

"SMALL COUNTRIES CAN STRENGTHEN WORLD COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING," SAID ANOTHER.

THE CROWDS HAD COME NOT ONLY BY TRUCK AND BUS BUT BY DONKEY, CICYCLE AND AFOOT.

THE NEO DESTOUR YOUTH ORGANIZATION MOBILIZED THOUSANDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS IN TIGHTFITTING RED GYM SUITS TO LINE THE ROUTE OF THE MOTORCADE.

EISENHOWER SHOOK HANDS WARMLY WITH BOURGUIBA BEFORE BOARDING HIS GREEN AND WHITE MARINE HELICOPTER AT EL AOUINA WHILE AN ARMY BAND PLAYED MARTIAL MUSIC.

IN A FINAL GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP THE TWO LEADERS LINKED ARMS AND RAISED THEM TOGETHER.

EISENHOWER'S HELICOPTER CAME DOWN AT LA MARSA AT THE WRONG END OF THE SPECIALLY PREPARED LANDING STRIP AND BOURGUIBA HAD TO RACE ACROSS THE FIELD TO EXTEND HIS WELCOME.

HIS PLAINSPOKEN WORDS AT THE OUTSET MAY HAVE SURPRISED EISENHOWER A LITTLE.

"YOUR VISIT," THE TUNISIAN PRESIDENT SAID, "WILL BRING HIGH HOPE AND PROMISE TO THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA FIGHTING A DECISIVE BATTLE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, A BATTLE BOTH TO LIQUIDATE THE LAST OUTPOSTS OF A STUBBORN COLONIALISM AND TO RESCUE THEMSELVES FROM BACKWARDNESS AND PRIVATIONS."

THE COMMUNIQUE ON COLONIALISM IN AFRICA WAS FAR MORE DIPLOMATIC, SAYING ONLY THAT THE TWO LEADERS WELCOMED "THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED FOR THE NEW RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPROVEMENT OF OLD ONES BASED ON A COMMON ATTACHMENT TO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY."

AS HE HAS DONE WITH THE LEADERS OF SEVEN OTHER COUNTRIES VISITED, EISENHOWER DISCUSSED WITH BOURGUIBA HIS HOPE THAT WEALTHIER AND MORE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL CHANNEL MORE ECONOMIC AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED REGIONS. HAGERTY SAID BOURGUIBA TALKED ABOUT HIS NATION'S NEED BUT DID NOT SPECIFICIALLY REQUEST ANY INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE.

HAGERTY SAID THE TALKS WERE IN A SPIRIT OF FRANKNESS AND CORDIALITY.

THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID THE TWO LEADERS AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING THE PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

ALGERIA HOWEVER APPARENTLY TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE TALKS.

TUNISIA SYMPATHIZES WITH THE REBELS AND GIVES THEM BASES ON TUNISIAN SOIL TO CARRY ON THEIR FIVE-YEAR-OLD WAR. THIS HAS STRAINED RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, WHICH EISENHOWER VISITS NEXT ON HIS 22,000-MILE GOODWILL TOUR.

PROBLEMS OF WESTERN UNITY, AFRICAN UNREST AND U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO TUNISIA WERE OTHERS BROUGHT UP IN THE HIGH-CEILINGED PALACE CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROCLAIMED A HALF-HOLIDAY AND BOURGUIBA'S RULING NEO-DESTOUR PARTY URGED A BIG WELCOME, CALLING EISENHOWER "THE MAN OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLES."

RELAXED BY A 40-HOUR CRUISE FROM ATHENS, EISENHOWER LANDED BY HELICOPTER FROM THE U.S. HEAVY CRUISER DES MOINES FOR HIS CALL ON THIS LOUISIANA-SIZED NATION OF 3,600,000, THE EIGHTH IN HIS 11-NATION TOUR.

THE HELICOPTER CAME DOWN IN CHILLY GREY WEATHER AT A SPECIALLY BUILT LANDING STRIP 200 YARDS FROM BOURGUIBA'S PALACE, CALLED DAR ES SAADA (HOUSE OF HAPPINESS). WHITE-ROBED WOMEN SHIVERED IN THE CHILL ALONG A HIGHWAY DECORATED WITH AMERICAN AND TUNISIAN FLAGS. EISENHOWER WAS BAREHEADED AS HE STEPPED OUT AND EXCHANGED A WARM HANDSHAKE WITH BOURGUIBA. THERE WAS A 21-GUN SALUTE.

WELCOMING EISENHOWER, BOURGUIBA RECALLED HIS MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN NORTH AFRICA. IT WAS AT KASSERINE PASS, 130 MILES SOUTHWEST OF TUNIS, THAT EISENHOWER'S FORCES DECISIVELY BROKE UP A GERMAN FLANKING ATTACK IN FEBRUARY 1943.

"WE ARE HAPPY TO GREET YOU ON THIS SOIL WHICH YOU DELIVERED FROM DESPOTISM," SAID THE BLUE-EYED, 56-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT. "TUNISIA WILL NEVER FORGET THE EFFICIENT SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR HER INDEPENDENCE AND THE MATERIAL AND MORAL AID FOR HER ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

"YOUR VISIT," HE CONTINUED, "WILL BRING HIGH HOPE AND PROMISE TO THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA FIGHTING A DECISIVE BATTLE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, A BATTLE BOTH TO LIQUIDATE THE LAST OUTPOSTS OF A STUBBORN COLONIALISM AND TO RESCUE THEMSELVES FROM BACKWARDNESS AND PRIVATIONS.

"IT CANNOT ESCAPE YOU THAT ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND HUMAN DIGNITY HOLD VICTORY IN THIS STRUGGLE VITAL TO THEM . . .

"I PRAY GOD MAY GRANT YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR NOBLE ENDEAVOR TO ASSURE THE TRIUMPH OF HARMONY AND CONFIDENCE OVER STRIFE AND MISTRUST. MAY VICTORY CROWN THE QUEST OF ALL WHO ARE WORKING FOR PEACE BETWEEN THE NATIONS ON A FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM AND TRUE BROTHERHOOD."

EISENHOWER SAID IT WAS A GREAT HONOR TO MEET BOURGUIBA AGAIN AND TO GREET THE PEOPLE OF FREE TUNISIA.

"WE HOPE THAT WE, NOT ONLY WORKING AMONG OURSELVES--YOURSELVES, OURSELVES AND THE OTHER FREE NATIONS--MAY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD," HE SAID.

HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OPPORTUNITIES AND METHODS CAN BE FOUND "BY WHICH ALL PEOPLE MAY BE ABLE TO RAISE THEIR OWN STANDARDS.

TO REALIZE MORE THAN HAPPINESS THAT GOD MEANT THEM TO HAVE AND IN DOING SO LEAD OUR COUNTRY TO A NOBLER, BETTER DESTINY THAN EVER THEY HAVE ACHIEVED."

EISENHOWER AND BOURGUIBA THEN WALKED TO AN OPEN AUTOMOBILE AND RODE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BETWEEN CHEERING, APPLAUDING MASSES OF TUNISIANS. EISENHOWER BEAMED AND WAVED.

RED-BURNOOSED PRESIDENTIAL GUARDS IN WHITE TURBANS PRESENTED SABERS AS THE TWO PRESIDENTS MOUNTED THE BROAD WHITE STEPS OF THE PALACE.

A BROWN, 3-YEAR-OLD THOROUGHBRED HORSE, BOURGUIBA'S GIFT T TO EISENHOWER, WAS LED IN FRONT OF THE PALACE BEARING A RED LEATHER SADDLE HEAVILY EMBOSSED WITH GOLD.

EISENHOWER'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW BARBARA MEANWHILE WAS DRIVEN TO THE SCENIC VILLAGE OF SIDI BOUSAID FOR BREAKFAST WITH MRS. RADHIA HADDAD, LEADER OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF TUNISIAN WOMEN AND THE ONLY WOMEN DEPUTY IN THE 90-MEMBER TUNISIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS TALKED AT THE PALACE MORE THAN TWO HOURS. THEY WOUND UP THE DISCUSSION AT 10:20 A.M., THEN DROVE TO A U.S. MILITARY CEMETERAY NEAR THE SITE OF ANCIENT CARTHAGE FOR A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY.

BURIED AT THE CEMETERY ARE 2,840 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO FELL IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN WORLD WAR II. INSCRIBED ON A WALL OF THE MISSING ARE THE NAMES OF AN ADDITIONAL 3,724 MEN LOST IN BATTLE.

EL AOUINA AIRPORT, SIX MILES FROM THE PALACE, WAS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR EISENHOWER'S RETURN BY HELICOPTER TO THE DES MOINES, IN TUNIS BAY THREE MILES OFF CARTHAGE. THREE TRIUMPHAL ARCHES SPANNED THE BROAD HIGHWAY.

A CROWD ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 200,000, INCLUDING SWARTHY MEN IN THICK BURNOOSES AND WOMEN IN WHITE ROBES, CLAPPED, CHEERED AND WAVED U.S. AND TUNISIAN FLAGS AS THE PRESIDENTS DROVE BY IN AN OPEN CAR. THE TWO RODE ONTO THE AIR BASE APRON STANDING UP.

GIANT SIGNS ALONG THE HIGHWAY CALLED FOR A UNION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TUNISIA.

IT WAS A DAY OF GREAT FESTIVITY FOR THE TUNISIANS, WHOM EISENHOWER'S FORCES LIBERATED FROM THE GERMANS. HIS STOPOVER WAS CONSIDERED A MATTER OF PRIDE AND PRESTIGE FOR TUNISIA AND A BOOST FOR BOURGUIBA AND HIS PRO-WESTERN POLICIES. THESE POLICIES HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED DESPITE STRONG PRESSURES FOR ADOPTION OF ARAB NEUTRALISM.

BEFORE BIDDING GOODBY TO BOURGUIBA, EISENHOWER VOICED A GREETING OF FRIENDSHIP FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE PEOPLE OF TUNISIA. HIS VOICE WAS CARRIED OVER LOUDSPEAKERS TO THE CROWD AND OVER THE TUNISIAN RADIO. THE REMARKS WERE THEN TRANSLATED AND REBROADCAST IN ARABIC.

EISENHOWER SAID ALL NATIONS SHOULD COOPERATE TO MAINTAIN PEACE.

AFTER EXCHANGING FAREWELLS WITH BOURGUIBA, EISENHOWER FLEW BACK TO THE DES MOINES FOR AN OVERNIGHT VOYAGE TO TOULON, FRANCE. THERE HE WILL BOARD A SPECIAL TRAIN FOR PARIS TO ATTEND THE WESTERN SUMMIT MEETING THIS WEEKEND.

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ABOARD THE ESSEX IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, DEC. 17 (AP)-SAILORS AND OFFICERS OF THE ESSEX GATHERED ON THE FLIGHT DECK TODAY TO EAT A 600-POUND CAKE BAKED TO CELEBRATE THE 95,000TH LANDING ABOARD THE 17-YEAR-OLD AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

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WHILE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER CRUISED ABOARD THE U.S.S. DES MOINES HALF A MILE AWAY, THE MEN OF THE ESSEX TOASTED LT. J.G. LESLIE M. JACKSON OF HAMPTON BAYS, L.I., N.Y., WHO MADE THE LANDING YESTERDAY DURING AN AERIAL SHOW.

THE CELEBRATION WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT BROUGHT THE ESSEX WITHIN RANGE OF THE ALL-TIME U.S. NAVY RECORD OF 97,549 LANDINGS SET BY THE OLD SARATOGA.

THE ESSEX, ONE OF THE MOST GALLANT FIGHTING SHIPS IN WORLD WAR II, HOPES TO ESTABLISH A NEW MARK BEFORE SHE RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES LATE IN THE SPRING TO BE CONVERTED FOR ANTISUBMARINE DUTY.

THE ESSEX WAS LAUNCHED JULY 31, 1942, AT THE NEWPORT NEWS, VA., SHIP BUILDING AND DRY DOCK CO. SHE WAS PUT INTO MOTHBALLS IN 1949, BUT WAS MODERNIZED AND STREAMLINED AND RETURNED TO DUTY IN 1951. SHE SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR AS WELL AS IN THE FORMOSA AND LEBANON CRISIS.

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NIGHT LEAD IKE SIDELIGHTS (200)

TUNIS, DEC. 17 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS WELCOMED BY PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA TODAY ON TWO GROUNDS, AS THE GENERAL WHO FREED TUNISIA FROM THE NAZIS AND AS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. "YOU ARE A MAN OF PEACE," BOURGUIBA TOLD HIM. ALTHOUGH YOU CONTROL TREMENDOUS, INCREDIBLE POWER IT IS FEARED BY NO ONE. YOU HAVE WON THE HEARTS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF TUNISIA WHO HAVE COME HERE TO ACCLAIM YOU."

TUNIS, DEC. 17 (AP)-SOMEBODY GOOFED TODAY--SO WHEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER STEPPED OFF HIS HELICOPTER, THERE WAS NO ONE IMMEDIATELY AT HAND TO GREET HIM.

THE HELICOPTER WHICH FLEW WISENHOWER FROM THE CRUISER DES MOINES LANDED AT ONE END OF THE AIRSTRIP. BUT PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA AND THE REST OF THE OFFICIAL WELCOMING PARTY WERE AT THE OTHER END, HUNDREDS OF WINDSWEPT FEET AWAY.

BOURGUIBA HOTFOOTED IT ACROSS TO WHERE EISENHOWER WAS STANDING WITH A GRIN. THE TUNISIAN PRESIDENT APOLOGIZED AS HE AND EISENHOWER WARMLY SHOOK HANDS.

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TEA, TOAST, TUNISIAN PASTRY AND LAMB CHOPS MADE UP THE MENU FOR THE PALACE BREAKFAST OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.

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BOURGUIBA PRESENTED EISENHOWER A LITHE, BROWN 3-YEAR-OLD ARABIAN HORSE AND TWO FLEET-FOOTED GAZELLES.

EISENHOWER PATTED THE HORSE, WHICH WORE A RED LEATHER SADDLE EMBOSSED WITH GOLD, AS THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY BOURGUIBA AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

BOURGUIBA SAID THE HORSE WAS FAST BUT THE GAZELLES, HELD BY AN ATTENDANT NEARBY, WERE FASTER. HE SAID THESE ANIMALS COULD REACH BURSTS OF SPEED UP TO 50 MILES AN HOUR.

EISENHOWER WHISTLED IN APPRECIATION AND SURPRISE.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON HOW THE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES.

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EISENHOWER IS KNOWN TO BE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS THUS FAR OF HIS THREE-CONTINENT TOUR.

HE BELIEVES HE HAS GIVEN AMERICAN PRESTIGE A SHOT IN THE ARM AT AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN WELCOMED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AT EACH STOP.

KEY ADVISERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAS NOT SETTLED, OR EVEN TRIED TO SETTLE, ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEM DURING HIS VISITS. THE ENHANCED PRESTIGE WILL BE A CONFERENCE TABLE ASSET, THEY SAY, BECAUSE IT

DEMONSTRATES ANEW TO THE KREMLIN THAT NATIONS OUTSIDE THE COMMUNIST SPHERE ARE STILL BASICALLY UNITED DESPITE BICKERING ON SOME ISSUES.

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IN PARIS, THE WASHINGTON-LAFAYETTE COMMITTEE FOR FRENCH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WANTS A STREET IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL NAMED XAFTER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED TO MAYOR PIERRE DEVRAIGNE THAT RUE PIERRE CHARRON, NEAR THE CHAMPS ELYSEES, MIGHT BE RENAMED RUE EISENHOWER.

--DASH--

ONE OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S FIRST QUESTIONS WHEN HE ARRIVED WAS TO ASK ABOUT THE VILLA DA SAIDA, WHICH HE OCCUPIED AS ALLIED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BEFORE THE INVASION OF SICILY IN 1943.

MAJ HABIB ESSOUSSI, WHO WAS HIS TUNISIAN AIDE FOR THE DAY, TOLD THE PRESIDENT THE VILLA, WHICH PERCHES ON A CLIFF ABOVE THE MEDITERRANEAN ONLY A FEW MILES FROM WHERE EISENHOWER LANDED, WAS NOW THE FAVORITE RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA. AFTER EISENHOWER LEFT, IT WAS OCCUPIED BY HIGH FRENCH OFFICIALS UNTIL TUNISIA BECAME INDEPENDENT IN 1956.

--DASH--

MRS. BARBARA EISENHOWER, BREAKFASTED WITH ONE OF TUNISIA'S FEMINE LEADERS, MRS. RADIHIA HADDAD, TUNISIA'S ONLY WOMAN DEPUTY AND A LEADER OF WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY. LATER BARBARA VISITED SOME OF THE LOCAL VILLAS TO INSPECT VARIOUS TYPES OF ARAB ARCHITECTURE.

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BY EDDY GILMORE

PARIS, DEC. 17 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WILL TALK, EAT AND SLEEP THIS WEEKEND IN HOUSES ONCE GRACED BY SOME OF FRANCE'S NAUGHTIEST WOMEN.

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LES GIRLS WERE:

MADAME POMPADOUR, MISTRESS OF KING LOUIS XV.

JOSEPHINE, NAPOLEON'S WIFE.

THE DUCHESS OF BOURBON, A PRE-REVOLUTIONARY BEAUTY ADORED BY MANY.

AND CATHERINE DE VIVONNE, ONE OF THE BEST SALON (CQ)-KEEPERS IN FRANCE'S LONG HISTORY OF SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE HOUSES ARE THE ELYSEE PALACE AND THE CHATEAU DE RAMBOILLET.

THE PALACE IS NOW THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THAT AUSTERE STATESMAN, PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE, AND THE CHATEAU IS HIS SUMMER RESIDENCE.

BUT THIS IS A RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM THE DISTANT PAST.

THROUGH FRENCH HISTORY THE PALACE HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS.

BUILT IN 1718 BY THE ARCHITECT MOLET ON THE OUTSKIRS OF A GRASSY PARADE GROUND KNOWN AS THE ELYSIAN FIELDS, IT BECAME THE PROPERTY OF POMPADOUR.

IT WAS VERY CONVENIENT, BEING ONLY A SHORT CANTER FROM KING LOUIS' ROYAL PALACE, TUILERIES.

AMONG OTHER INNOVATIONS, MADAME POMPADOUR DECORATED HER BEDROOM WITH A MAGNIFICENT GOBELIN TAPESTRY BASED ON THE THREE GRACES BY RAPHAEL.

DE GAULLE HAS MADE SOME CHANGES, TOO.

WHEN HE BECAME PRESIDENT HE TURNED SOME OF THE LUSH APARTMENTS INTO OFFICES. HE SELECTED NAPOLEON'S OLD ROOM AS A PLACE FOR HIS DESK. HE RENOVATED KING LOUIS' OLD CHAMBER AND ASSIGNED IT TO HIS SECRETARY.

IT IS HERE THAT EISENHOWER WILL MEET SATURDAY WITH DE GAULLE, PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN AND WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER.

THEY'LL ALSO LUNCH IN THE BUILDING.

SUNDAY EISENHOWER WILL BE DE GAULLE'S OVERNIGHT GUEST AT THE CHATEAU DE RAMBOUILLET (CORRECT) OUTSIDE PARIS.

IN YEARS GONE BY IT WAS THE SCENE OF SOME HIGH GOOD TIMES.

THE COMTESSE DE TOULOUSE OFTEN ENTERTAINED LOUIS XI AND HIS MANY LADY FRIENDS WHEN SHE OWNED IT.

LOUIS XVI LIKED IT SO WELL HE BOUGHT IT AND BUILT A DAIRY FARM THERE FOR HIS WIFE, MARIE-ANTOINETTE.

IT WAS IN 1617 THAT CATHERINE DE VIVONNE LIKED TO INVITE GREAT WITS AND PHILOSOPHERS TO HER TOWN HOUSE IN PARIS AND THEN WHISK THEM OUT TO HER FABULOUS PARTIES.

IF THE WALLS COULD TALK, IKE WOULDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP.

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EDITOR'S NOTE--SOMETIMES THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS IS INTERESTING, TOO. WHEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ANNOUNCED PLANS TO SPEND SIX HOURS IN AFGHANISTAN, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ASSIGNED A MEMBER OF ITS MOSCOW STAFF TO GO TO KABUL, HANDLE PRELIMINARY NEWS, AND FOLLOW UP ON THE STORY AFTER THE REGULAR PRESS CONTINGENT, TRAVELING WITH THE PRESIDENT, HAD DEPARTED. IT'S TAKEN A. I. GOLDBERG ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO COVER WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A 6-HOUR STORY, AS HE RELATES BELOW.

BY A.I. GOLDBERG

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN, DEC. 17 (AP)-EIGHT DAYS AGO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER FLEW OFF FOR NEW DELHI, HIS PLANE POINTING TOWARD MECCA BEFORE VEERING EAST.

THIS REPORTER WAS LEFT IN KABUL, HIGH--6,000 FEET--AND PRETTY DRY.

THERE ARE NO PUBLIC BARS OR NIGHTCLUBS IN THIS ISLAMIC MONARCHY. AND YOU CAN'T DASH OFF TO TASHKENT IN THE SOVIET UNION FOR VODKA. THE PLANES JUST DON'T FOLLOW THEIR INFREQUENT SCHEDULES AND FOLKS CHUCKLE AS THEY RECOUNT THE PLIGHT OF THIS OR THAT PERSON WAITING OUT FLIGHTS IN KABUL.

DOWN THE STREET FROM THE MODERNISTIC HOTEL KABUL, THERE ARE COFFEE SHOPS WHERE RECORDS WAIL AFGHANI TUNES AND AFGHANS WASH DOWN INTERMINABLE CUPS OF COFFEE AND TEA WHILE PLAYING CHESS BENEATH FRENCH PINUPS.

I AM A CHESS PLAYER, BUT NOT IN THAT ATMOSPHERE. HOWEVER, AN INTERNATIONAL CHESS CLUB HERE MANAGES TO FILL VISITORS' MODEST IMBIBING NEEDS WITH BEER AND SPIRITS WHILE A JUKE BOX PLAYS AMERICAN MUSIC.

KABUL HAS AN AIR OF SHANGRI LA, COMPLETE WITH SNOWY PEAKS. IT IS ONE OF THE WAY STATIONS ON THE ANCIENT SILK ROUTE. MARCO POLO DAWDLED IN THE AFGHAN COUNTRYSIDE, PRESUMABLY COUNTING HIS SHEEP. I HAD TO DAWDLE HERE BECAUSE ONLY TWO PLANES A WEEK ARE SCHEDULED FOR TASHKENT AND THE RETURN TRIP TO MY MOSCOW POST.

ONLY ONE TASHKENT-BOUND PLANE HAS BEEN HERE SINCE THE EISENHOWER TRIP IT WAS FULL OF SOVIET PRIORITY PEOPLE, RETURNING TO MOSCOW AFTER SEEING AFGHANS DEMONSTRATE FOR EISENHOWER.

GOSPODIN ANIKIN, AGENT FOR THE SOVIETS' AEROFLOT AIR LINE, KEPT TELLING ME TO WAIT A LITTLE WHILE, PLEASE, MAYBE THERE'LL BE A CANCELLATION AND YOU'LL GET A SEAT. BUT THE DEATH KNELL WAS SOUNDED WHEN TWO MOSCOW-BOUND CHINESE SHOWED UP TO CLAIM THE LAST SEATS. WHEN THE PLANE PULLED OUT, I WAS SITTING ON THE SIDELINES.

ARYANA AIRLINES OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SAYING IT COULDN'T GUARANTEE A SEAT BEFORE DEC. 29 BECAUSE SO MANY RUSSIANS STATIONED AT PROJECTS HERE ARE GOING HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR. BUT ANIKIN CONFIDED THAT HE EXPECTED AN EXTRA PLANE IF GOOD WEATHER HELD--AND PROMISED ME A STANDBY ON THAT FLIGHT.

WEDNESDAY, AFTER 10 DAYS OF BRIGHT, FAIRLY WARM WEATHER, A BLIZZARD ROARED OVER THE HINDU KUSH MOUNTAINS, LAYING 3 INCHES OF SNOW ON THE STREETS AND HIDING THE MOUNTAINS LESS THAN A MILE AWAY. THE SOVIET PLANE DID NOT ARRIVE.

PEOPLE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY BEGAN CHORTLING "LOOKS LIKE YOU GET TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HERE--IT'S NOT SO BAD."

THEN THEY BEGAN TELLING HOW RE. LT. GEN. E.R. QUESADA, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY, GOT HUNG UP HERE FOR DAYS, TRYING TO LEAVE BY MORE FREQUENT FLIGHTS TO THE SOUTH. SOME SUGGESTED I MIGHT TRY FOR A FLIGHT TO MOSCOW BY WAY OF BEIRUT AND PRAGUE.

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JACK BELL, FORMER WASHINGTON POST HUNTING AND FISHING COLUMNIST, NOW AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION ARCHITECT HERE, ADVISED ME TO GET A CAMEL TRAIN HEADING NORTH. THERE ARE NO RAILROADS.

IF IT'S HARD TO GET OUT OF KABUL, IT'S HARD TO GET IN, TOO. IT TOOK A WEEK TO GET A VISA FROM THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

WITH MOSCOW TEMPERATURES BELOW ZERO, I WAS UNABLE TO FLY FROM MOSCOW TO TASHKENT DEC. 4 BECAUSE TASHKENT WAS CLOSED IN. AEROFLOT PUT ON TWO EXTRA PLANES DEC. 6, ONE TO TAKE STANDBYS, INCLUDING ME, THE OTHER TO BRING SOVIET DIGNITTARIES TO KABUL FOR THE EISENHOWER SHOW.

THEN THE BATTLE STARTED TO GET INTO A NEW HOTEL WITH HEAT AND TEPID WATER. IT TOOK THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY AND THE AFGHAN PRESS BUREAU TO INSTALL ME IN A ROOM.

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AMS BUDGET (550)
NIGHT LEAD NATO
BY HERB ALTSCHULL

PARIS, DEC. 17 (AP)-THE ATLANTIC PACT COUNCIL TONIGHT PLEDGED "A DETERMINED EFFORT" TO GUARANTEE THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE WEST BUT APPARENTLY TOSSED THE ROW WITH FRANCE OVER AN INTEGRATED AIR COMMAN INTO THE LAPS OF PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND CHARLES DE GAULLE.

THREE DAYS OF WRANGLING AMONG NATO MINISTERS OVER THE INTEGRATION ISSUE WOUND UP WITH A COMMUNIQUE THAT NEGLECTED TO MENTION THE SUBJECT AT ALL. BUT PAUL-HENRI SPAAK, NATO'S SECRETARY GENERAL, SOUGHT TO ASSUR A SKEPTICAL THRONG OF NEWSMEN:

"THIS IS NO CAMOUFLAGE. THIS IS NO LIE. THERE IS NO CRISIS IN NATO."

GREETED BY IRONIC LAUGHTER SPAAK DECLARED: "I'M SATISFIED, VERY SATISFIED, DESPITE YOUR APPARENTLY CYNICAL SMILES.

ASKED IF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE SUPPORTED AIR INTEGRATION, HE REFUSED TO GIVE A YES OR NO ANSWER. HE SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREEMENT ON WHAT IS MEANT BY INTEGRATION FIRST.

HE ADDED: "I DO NOT SAY THAT EVERYONE IS IN AGREEMENT. BUT ON THE DAY THAT ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL FIND IT EASIER TO AGREE QUICKLY.

THE CLOSEST THE COMMUNIQUE CAME TO THE INTEGRATION QUESTION WAS IN THESE WORDS:

"CURRENT NATO DEFENSE PLANS THEREFORE REMAIN VALID.

THE ALLIANCE'S MASTER MILITARY PLAN OF TWO YEARS AGO CALLS FOR UNIFYING THE FORCES--GROUND AND NAVAL AS WELL AS AIR--OF THE 15 NATO PARTNERS UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL COMMAND.

IT WAS THIS ISSUE THAT DOMINATED THE THREE-DAY SESSION. BRIEFINGS ON THE CLOSED MEETINGS SAID THE AMERICANS TOOK THE LEAD IN PUSHING FOR AIR INTEGRATION AS A FIRST STEP AND WON THE SUPPORT OF 13 OF HER PARTNERS. BUT THE FRENCH BALKED, FOLLOWING THE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT DE GAULLE WHO INSISTS THAT FRANCE MUST MAINTAIN HER NATIONAL MILITARY FORCES AND OPPOSES INTEGRATION.

U. S. GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THE MINISTERS YESTERDAY THAT AIR INTEGRATION WAS A BASIC PROPOSITION BECAUSE OF THE SPEED OF MODERN AIR WAR.

DE GAULLE THINSK FORCES WHICH PRESERVE THEIR NATIONAL IDENTITY WOULD FIGHT BETTER.

THIS IS THE ISSUE THAT QUALIFIED INFORMANTS SAID IS BEING PASSED TO EISENHOWER AND DE GAULLE WHEN THEY MEET PRIVATELY SATURDAY.

THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE ALLIANCE HAVE AGREED THEY WILL HOLD AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING IN MID-MARCH TO GO OVER THE QUESTION AGAIN.

SOME FRENCH OFFICIALS WERE REPORTED PERTURBED ABOUT DE GAULLE'S INFLEXIBLE STAND, WHICH HAS ISOLATED THEM FROM MOST OF THEIR NATO PARTNERS, AND DIPLOMATIC EXPERTS HAVE BEEN WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES IN SEARCH OF A COMPROMISE. A FRENCH SPOKESMAN SAID "IT IS PROBABLE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ARRIVE AT SOME SATISFACTORY CONCLUSIONS ON MILITARY PROBLEMS."

ONE POSSIBLE CONCESSION WOULD BE FRENCH PERMISSION FOR NATO TO GO AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF RADAR AND OTHER TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS FOR AIR DEFENSE ON FRENCH SOIL, PLACING THEM UNDER NATO COMMAND. THEIR CONSTRUCTION WOULD NOT COMMIT FRANCE TO ACCEPTING THE PRINCIPLE OF INTEGRATION. BUT VITAL WORK COULD START.

ASIDE FROM DEBATING THE MILITARY ISSUE, THE NATO SESSION WAS A CURTAIN RAISER FOR THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN BIG FOUR--EISENHOWER, DE GAULLE, BRITAIN'S HAROLD MACMILLAN AND WEST GERMANY'S KONRAD ADENAUER--WHICH OPENS HERE SATURDAY. THE WESTERN SUMMIT WAS CALLED TO MAP PLANS FOR THE EAST-WEST CONFERENCE WITH RUSSIA'S NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV IN THE SPRING.

THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WILL ADVANCE "THE IDEALS OF PEACE AND SECURITY WHICH THE ALLIANCE HAS ALWAYS UPHELD.

THE NATO MINISTERS WILL MEET NEXT TUESDAY TO HEAR A REPORT ON THE WESTERN SUMMIT TALKS.

A SPOKESMAN REPORTED BROAD AGREEMENT BY THE NATO MINISTERS ON THE OUTLINES OF AN AGENDA FOR THE TALKS WITH KHRUSHCHEV.

THIS INCLUDED: (Q) DISARMAMENT, (2) GERMAN REUNIFICATION, LINKED TO THE PROBLEM OF BERLIN, (E) EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND (4) AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED LANDS.

THE ALLIANCE'S FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE THREAT OF A EUROPEAN TRADE WAR BETWEEN--THE SIX-NATION COMMON MARKET AND THE SEVEN-POWER FREE TRADE ASSN. THE MINISTERS DECIDE TO STUDY WAYS OF BRINGING THE TWO GROUPS TOGETHER AS PART OF A 10-YEAR PLAN PROPOSED BY U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE CHRISTIAN A. HERTER TO EXPAND NATO'S ACTIVITIES BEYOND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

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NATO (260)

MOSCOW, DEC.17 (AP)-A PRAVDA DISPATCH FROM PARIS TODAY SUGGESTED THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING IS "FACING AN INSOLUBLE PROBLEM."

"ON THE ONE HAND THEY ARE COMPELLED TO ADMIT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION HAS SOMEWHAT CHANGED IN THE DIRECTION OF CERTAIN RELAXATION," SAID THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN. "THEY HAVE TO RECKON WITH THE FACT THAT THESE CHANGES INSPIRED IN THE PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES ARDENT HOPE FOR DURABLE PEACE.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, BY MEANS OF SUBTERFUGES AND FALSE ARGUMEENTS, THEY ARE TRYING TO CARRY ON WITH THEIR MILITARY PLANS.

"THE CRISIS OF NATO IS...THE CRISIS OF THE ENTIRE COLD WAR POLICY."

-DASH-

LONDON, DEC.17 (AP)-BRITAIN'S NEWSPAPERS, WORRIED BY DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE NATO PARTNERS, CALLED TODAY FOR NEW THINKING AND MORE PLAIN SPEAKING TO CEMENT THE ALLIANCE.

"RECONCILIATION CANNOT BE EFFECTED BY FLIM-FLAM," WARNED THE INFLUENTIAL LONDON TIMES.

IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY MAIL ASSERTED:

"THE MICE ARE NIBBLING AT NATO. THERE IS ALSO A GOOD DEAL OF CONFUSED THINKING ABOUT THE MAKEUP OF THIS ALLIANCE, THE SHIELD OF THE WEST."

THE MAIL RAPPED PRESIDENT DE GAULLE FOR HIS STAND AGAINST INTEGRATING FRANCE'S FORCES WITH THOSE OF OTHER NATIONS. CUTS IN THE NUMBER OF BRITISH TROOPS IN GERMANY FROM THE 1957 LEVEL AND THE PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF SOME AMERICAN FORCES ALSO WERE ASSAILED.

"LITTLE BY LITTLE, NATO SEEMS TO BE CRUMBLING AWAY," THE MAIL DECLARED.

THE TIMES, WHICH OFTEN REFLECTS OFFICIAL BRITISH GOVERNMENT THINKING, SUGGESTED THAT ON THE QUESTIONS OF A SUMMIT AND INTEGRATION THE FRENCH FIVE MAY NOT BE IRRECONCILABLE WITH THE VIEWS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

"BUT RECONCILIATION CANNOT BE EFFECTED BY FLIM-FLAM," SAID THE TIMES.

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BY TOM OCHILTREE

PARIS, DEC. 17 (AP)-ADM. JERAULD WRIGHT SAID TODAY NATO'S NAVAL ARM IS MORE THAN HOLDING ITS OWN IN A VAST GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH THE SUBMARINE FLEETS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE OUTGOING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN THE ATLANTIC TOLD A NEEWS CONFERENCE "THERE IS INCREASING EVIDENCE OF SOVIET INTEREST IN THE EASTERN SEABOARD OF NORTH AMERICA." HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

BUT COOPERATION BETWEEN WESTERN SCIENTISTS AND SAILORS HELP KEEP THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION'S DETECTION EFFORTS A JUMP AHEAD OF THE CURIOUS RUSSIAN SUBMARINE COMMANDERS, HE SAID.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC MINISTERS HAVE ACCEPTED WRIGHT'S REQUEST TO RETIRE FROM THE ATLANTIC POST EFFECTIVE MARCH 1. AN AMERICAN ADMIRAL WILL BE NAMED TO REPLACE HIM.

IN THE COMMAND SETUP OF THE ALLIANCE WRIGHT'S JOB RANKS WITH THAT OF GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE. UNLIKE NORSTAD, WRIGHT'S FORCES ARE INTEGRATED. HE DOES NOT HAVE AN ARGUMENT WITH THE FRENCH ON THAT SCORE.

NORMALLY WRIGHT COMMANDS AMERICAN NAVAL UNITS. BUT WARSHIPS OF THE OTHER ALLIED POWERS, INCLUDING THE FRENCH, COME UNDER HIS COMMAND FOR EXERCISE PURPOSES AND IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

"WE HAVE A STANDARDIZED PROCEDURE, STANDARDIZED CODES AND COMMUNICATIONS AND A DEFINED STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE," HE SAID.

THE 60-YEAR-OLD ADMIRAL SAID THE NATO POWERS ARE POOLING SCIENTIFIC TALENT AT A CENTER IN THE ITALIAN PORT OF LA SPEZIA TO IMPROVE THE ALLIANCE'S POWER TO DETECT SUBMARINES AT SEA.

VARIOUS NATO NATIONS HAVE COME UP WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS TASK, HE SAID. THE NORWEGIANS HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW LIGHTWEIGHT SONAR (UNDERWATER DETECTION GEAR), THE CANADIANS HAVE A VARIABLE DEPTH SONAR SYSTEM WHICH TRACKS SUBMARINES CRUISING DEEPLY AND THE FRENCH HAVE A NEW ANTISUBMARINE PLANE, THE BREGUET 1150.

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(360) NIGHT LEAD WRIGHT

BY FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17 (AP)-ADM. JERAULD WRIGHT WILL RETIRE NEXT MARCH 1 AND TURN OVER TO ANOTHER AMERICAN THE JOB OF WELDING NATO NAVAL FORCES INTO A MORE POTENT COUNTERWEIGHT TO GROWING RUSSIAN SEAPOWER.

THE NAVY ANNOUNCED TODAY THE 61-YEAR-OLD WRIGHT'S INTENTION TO STEP DOWN AS COMMANDER OF THE U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET AND OF NATO NAVAL FORCES IN THE ATLANTIC.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON WRIGHT'S SUCCESSOR. BUT REPORTS CIRCULATED THAT THE POST--A KEY ONE IN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE--WILL GO TO ADM. ROBERT LEE DENNISON, CHIEF OF NAVAL FORCES IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT HERE WRIGHT TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN PARIS OF GROWING EFFICIENCY AND COOPERATION AMONG THE ALLIANCE'S NAVIES. THE POOLING OF SCIENTIFIC TALENT, HE SAID, HAS ENABLED NATO UNITS TO STAY A JUMP AHEAD IN DETECTING RUSSIAN SUBMARINES PROWLING THE SEALANES.

IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE NAVY SAID WRIGHT'S MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AS NATO'S TOP SEADOG IN THE ATLANTIC HAS BEEN MARKED BY "A NOTABLE STRENGTHENING OF UNITED STATES AND NATO ANTISUBMARINE CAPABILITY, THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF NAVAL ATOMIC STRIKE CAPABILITY, THE FIRST MAJOR STEPS IN NUCLEAR NAVAL POWER AND THE INCORPORATION OF MISSILES AS A STANDARD WEAPON..."

WRIGHT CURRENTLY RANKS WITH U.S. GEN. LAURIS NORSTAD, NATO SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE.

BUT UNLIKE NORSTAD, WRIGHT HASN'T HAD TROUBLES WITH THE FRENCH OVER WHO'S TO CONTROL THEIR FORCES IN THE ALLIANCE. THE NAVAL UNITS OF THE VARIOUS MEMBER NATIONS--INCLUDING FRANCE--ARE INTEGRATED UNDER WRIGHT'S COMMAND FOR MANEUVERS AND IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY.

WRIGHT'S NAVAL CAREER OF MORE THAN 42 YEARS HAS BEEN A COLORFUL ONE.

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST EVER TO GRADUATE FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY, WRIGHT LEFT ANNAPOLIS IN 1917 AT THE AGE OF 19 AND SERVED DURING WORLD WAR I IN A U.S. GUNBOAT ATTACHED TO THE BRITISH AT GIBRALTAR.

LATER, HE WAS NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENTS CALVIN COOLIDGE AND HERBERT HOOVER.

IN WORLD WAR II, WRIGHT SERVED ON THE STAFF OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, THEN COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ON ONE CLOAK-AND-DAGGER MISSION, WRIGHT WAS WITH A GROUP OF OFFICERS WHO LANDED SECRETLY IN NORTH AFRICA TO PAVE THE WAY FOR U.S. LANDINGS THERE IN 1942.

HE ALSO GOT THE JOB OF SPIRITING FRENCH GENERAL HENRI GIRAUD AND HIS STAFF FROM SOUTHERN FRANCE.

THIS WON FOR WRIGHT THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF COMMANDING A BRITISH WAR VESSEL. UNDER EISENHOWER'S ORDERS, HE WAS PUT IN COMMAND OF THE BRITISH SUBMARINE SERAPH WHEN IT EVACUATED GIRAUD. NO OTHER AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER HAS HAD A SIMILAR COMMAND.

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PARIS, DEC.17 (AP)-FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE SEVEN-NATION WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) TODAY DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL AND TRADE ISSUES DIVIDING THE ALLIES IN EUROPE.

THEIR MEETING BROUGHT BRITAIN'S SELWYN LLOYD FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE SIX STATES WHICH MAKE UP THE COMMON MARKET.

WEU IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION DIRECTLY LINKING BRITAIN WITH "THE SIX"--FRANCE, ITALY, WEST GERMANY, BELGIUM, HOLLAND AND LUXEMBOURG.

THEY HAVE BANDED THEMSELVES INTO A TIGHT ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IN WHICH TARIFFS AND OTHER TRADE CONCESSIONS ARE SWAPPED.

BRITAIN CONSIDERS THEIR TRADE POLICIES WILL LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OUTSIDE NATIONS, AND HAS SPONSORED FORMATION OF A RIVAL EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSN., KNOWN AS THE "OUTER SEVEN" NATIONS.

LLOYD WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE GONE INTO THE TALKS SEEKING TO ARRANGE BLOC-TO-BLOC NEGOTIATIONS.

WITH SOME AMERICAN HELP, BOTH GROUPS WILL COME TOGETHER NEXT MONTH WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 20-NATION ORGANIZATION FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION (OEEC).

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NIGHT LEAD POISON (240)

MUNICH, GERMANY, DEC. 17 (AP)-PROSECUTORS SAID TODAY THEY ARE LOOKING INTO RADIO FREE EUROPE'S REPORT THAT A FOREIGN COMMUNIST POWER ATTEMPTED LAST MONTH TO POISON ITS 1,200 EMPLOYES WITH DOCTORED SALT.

THE AMERICAN SPONSORED ANTI-COMMUNIST RADIO STATION PROMISED A FURTHER STATEMENT TOMORROW.

ERIK HAZELHOFF, EUROPEAN DIRECTOR OF RFE, SAID YESTERDAY THE PLOT WAS UNCOVERED NOV. 21 WHEN ATROPINE WAS FOUND IN THE SALT SHAKERS OF THE STATMION'S HUGE CAFETERIA. THE CAFETERIA WAS CLOSED IMMEDIATELY AND REOPENED ONLY TODAY.

THE ONLY AUTHORITY REPORTING THAT IT WAS CARRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION WAS THE MUNICH STATE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

HAZELHOFF STATED YESTERDAY THAT COMPETENT GEMAN AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WERE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SITUATION WAS DISCOVERED AND AN RFE EMPLOYE SAID A COMMUNIST DIPLOMAT IN WESTERN EUROPE HAD PLANNED THE POISONING.

HAZELHOFF SAID NO ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE AND NOBODY WAS POISONED. HE REFUSED TO DISCLOSE THE NAME OF THE INFORMANT AND THAT OF THE RED DIPLOMAT.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE YESTERDAY.

BUT TODAY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE U. S. ARMY EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS IN HEIDELBERG SAID THE CASE WAS KNOWN. HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THE AMERICAN ARMY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES WHO ACCORDING TO HAZELHOFF, ANALYZED THE SALT SHAKERS' CONTENTS.

KARLS BAUER, ACTING HEAAD OF MUNICH DETECTIVES, AID HE KNEW OF THE CASE BUT WOULD NOT INVESTIGATE IT.

NONE OF THE AMERICAN AND GERMAN OFFICIALS WHO HAD DENIED YESTERDAY KNOWING OF THE RFE REPORT WAS READY TODAY TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY NOW ADMITTED TO HAVING HEARD OF IT.

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(150)

BERLIN, DEC. 17 (AP)-THE NEW UNITED STATES COMMANDANT IN BERLIN, MAJ. GEN. RALPH OSBORNE, DECLARED TONIGHT U.S. POLICY WILL REMAIN THE SAME IN THIS DIVIDED CITY.

"JUST BECAUSE YOU CHANGE THE MAN OR THE FACE DOESN'T MEAN ANY POLICY CHANGES," HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

THE 53-YEAR-OLD GENERAL, A NATIVE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS, MD., TOOK OVER EARLIER THIS WEEK FROM MAJ. GEN. BARKSDALE HAMLETT OF HOPKINSVILLE KY., WHO HAS BEEN REASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

COMMENTING ON THE STIFF STAND THE UNITED STATES HAD ADOPTED IN BERLIN, OSBORNE DECLARED:

"THINGS WILL BE GOING ON IN THE FUTURE AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST . . . WE HAVE PLANS FOR PRACTICALLY ANY CONTINGENCY THAT MIGHT ARISE."

OSBORNE DESCRIBED ISOLATED WEST BERLIN AS "A LIGHTHOUSE OF DEMOCRACY."

PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT HERE, OSBORNE WAS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF AT THE ARMY'S EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS IN HEIDELBERG.

HE IS A GRADUATE OF WEST POINT, ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DENVER, COLO., AND HIGH SCHOOL IN NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

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1959

NIGHT LEAD BRANDT

BERLIN, DEC. 17 (AP)-WEST BERLIN MAYOR WILLY BRANDT TODAY APPEALED TO THE COMMUNIST RULERS OF EAST GERMANY TO DISPLAY A MINIMUM OF HUMANITY BY RELEASING POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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SPEAKING AT A WEST BERLIN RALLY HELD BY HIS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BRANDT DECLARED:

"FROM THIS PLACE I AM CALLING OUT WITH ALL MY PASSION TO THE RULERS OF EAST GERMANY: PUT AN END TO THE OUTRAGEOUS TREATMENT OF THE PRISONERS AND SET FREE THOSE WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING BEYOND STICKING TO THEIR CONVICTIONS."

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THE NUMBER OF ANTI-COMMUNISTS JAILED IN EAST GERMANY IS ESTIMATED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SOURCES AT 3,000.

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BERLIN,DEC. 17 (AP)-MAYOR WILLY BRANDT OF WEST BERLIN SUGGESTED TODAY THAT THE PEOPLE OF HIS CITY BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON WHETHER THEYWANT TO BELONG TO WEST GERMANY. BRANDT THUS REPLIED TO RECENT MOSCOW DECLARATIONS WHICH CLAIM WEST BERLIN IS NOT A LEGAL PART OF WEST GERMANY.

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THE MAYOR'S PROPOSAL WAS MADE IN A POLICY STATEMENT TO THE CITY PARLIAMENT CONCERNING WEST BERLIN'S SITUATION.

WEST BERLIN IS TECHNICALLY THE ONLY PORTION OF GERMANY STILL OCCUPIED BY THE WESTERN ALLIES, AND IT HAS A SPECIAL STATUS BECAUSE IT LIES 110 MILES INSIDE COMUNIST EAST GERMANY. BUT THE WEST GERMAN SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT WEST BERLIN IS LEGALLY A PART OF WEST GERMANY.

BRANDT TOLD THE CITY PARLIAMENT:

"IF THE SOVIET UNION IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHAT THE PEOPLE OF (WEST) BERLIN THINK ABOUT WEST BERLIN'S CONNECTION WITH WEST GERMANY, THEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT IS READY AT ANY TIME TO AGREE TO A FOUR-POWER PLEBISCITE."

HE CHARGED THE SOVIET UNION WANTS TO "CUT OR AT LEAST LOOSEN THE TIES" BETWEEN HIS CITY AND WEST GERMANY.

THE MAYOR URGED THE WESTERN POWERS TO AVOID GOING TO A SUMMIT CONFERENCE WITH MENTALTIES THAT WOULD PRODUCE AN ILLFOUNDED OR HASTY SOLUTION. BRANDT SAID HE WOULD WELCOME AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD CLEARLY SET FORTH THE RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO HIS ISOLATED CITY.

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HELMSTEDT, GERMANY, DEC. 17 (AP)-BORDER CONTROLS BY THE COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN BORDER POLICE AT THIS IRON CURTAIN CROSSING POINT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED SEVERELY, WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES SAID TODAY.

TRAVELERS HAVE TO PRESENT THEIR BAGGAGE FOR CLOSE SCRUTINY AND HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR CARS OR BUSES FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE COMMUNIST BORDER GUARDS TAKE AN ESPECIALLY CLOSE LOOK AT FOODSTUFFS--OF WHICH THERE IS A SERIOUS SHORTAGE IN EAST GERMANY.

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(120)

MOSCOW, DEC. 17 (AP)-TASS TODAY DISTRIBUTED A YEAR END REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND CAME UP WITH THIS OPINION: "THE FORCES OF PEACE AND SANE THINKING ARE GROWING IN THE UNITED STATES AS 1959 COMES TO A CLOSE."

THE ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY HARRY FREEMAN OF THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY'S NEW YORK BUREAU, SAID THERE ARE "GROUNDS FOR HOPING FOR FURTHER THAWING IN THE COLD WAR AND A HAPPIER ERA IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS."

IT ADDED THAT THE "COMING SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND RETURN VISIT OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO MOSCOW OPEN POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER SUCCESSES IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE."

TASS BILLED PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S AMERICAN TOUR AS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR AND CREDITED IT WITH RELAXING SOVIET-AMERICAN TENSION. IT ALSO TOOK NOTE OF U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTIONS, WHERE THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES JOINTLY SPONSORED DISARMAMENT AND OUTER SPACE RESOLUTIONS.

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1959

B39 (SEG) (270)

BY HENRY S. BRADSHER

NEW DELHI, DEC. 17 (AP)-DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LAKSHMI MENON TODAY CHARGED THAT COMMUNIST CHINA IS HINDERING INDIA'S INVESTIGATION OF COUNTERCHARGES OF KIDNAPING INVOLVING U.S. AND RED CHINESE CONSULAR PERSONNEL IN BOMBAY.

MRS. MENON TOLD THE UPPER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT THAT COMMUNIST CHINESE OFFICIALS ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATORS, THUS PREVENTING THEM FROM COMPLETING THEIR REPORT.

SHE DID NOT ELABORATE WITH REGARD TO THE RED CHINESE BUT SAID U.S. OFFICIALS COOPERATED FULLY WITH INDIAN OFFICERS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCUSED THE CHINESE CONSULATE OF KIDNAPING AND ABUSING MARINE SGT. ROBERT ARMSTRONG NOV. 27.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS GAVE THIS ACCOUNT:

CHANG CHIEN-YU, AN OFFICIAL WITH RED CHINA'S EXPORT-IMPORT CORP., ASKED THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL FOR ASYLUM BUT CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER AN OVERNIGHT STAY AT A BEACH COTTAGE WITH ARMSTRONG AS AN ESCORT.

WHEN THE TWO RETURNED TO BOMBAY THE NEXT DAY, THEIR TAXI STOPPED NEAR THE CHINESE CONSULATE AND CHANG JUMPED OUT, CARRYING WITH HIM A TAPE RECORDING OF HIS STATEMENT ASKING ASYLUM. ARMSTRONG SOUGHT TO GRAB THE RECORDING BUT SIX CHINESE DRAGGED HIM INSIDE THE CONSULATE. HE WAS RELEASED SIX HOURS LATER AFTER INDIAN POLICE INTERVENED AT U.S. REQUEST.

THE COMMUNIST CHINESE CHARGED THAT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE KIDNAPED CHANG, KEPT HIM PRISONER OVERNIGHT AND FORCED HIM TO MAKE A STATEMENT REQUESTING ASYLUM. THEY SAID HE MANAGED TO BREAK AWAY FROM ARMSTRONG BUT THE MARINE CHASED HIM WITH A KNIFE AND OTHER CONSULATE EMPLOYES WERE FORCED TO RESTRAIN ARMSTRONG.

MRS. MENON SAID HER GOVERNMENT WILL NOT DECIDE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, TO TAKE UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED.

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(320) VIET NAM

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17 (AP)-SEN. GALE W. MCGEE (D-WYO) TODAY DESCRIBED THE U. S. FOREIGN AID PROGRAM IN VIET NAM AS "A GOOD ONE, SOUNDLY CONCEIVED AND SOUNDLY EXECUTED."

"IT HAS ENCOURAGED THE VIETNAMESE TO TAKE GREAT STRIDES," HE SAID. "AND IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT THE PROGRAM IS REALLY PAYING OFF."

MCGEE INVESTIGATED THE PROGRAM IN THE SMALL SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATION ON ASSIGNMENT FROM THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. HE ACCOMPANIED SEN. ALBERT GORE (D-TENN) OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

THEIR ON-THE-SPOT INQUIRY WAS A FOLLOW UP OF HEARINGS CONDUCTED DURING THE LAST SESSION OF CONGRESS ON CHARGES BY SCRIPPS HOWARD WRITER ALBERT COLEGROVE THAT THE FOREIGN AID PROGRAM IN VIET NAM WAS POCKED WITH WASTE AND EXTRAVAGANCE AND AMOUNTED TO "AN OUTRAGEOUS SCANDAL."

MCGEE, JUST BACK FROM THE TRIP, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE "I WAS DISQUIETED BY SOME IRREGULARITIES BUT THEY WERE IRREGULARITIES OF A MINOR CHARACTER."

HE SAID HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE DEALT IN VIET NAM.

GORE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY HE FOUND MORE GOOD THAN BAD IN THE AIR PROGRAM IN VIET NAM BUT ADDED HE FELT IT SHOULD BE TIGHTENED UP.

MCGEE SAID THAT FOUR YEARS AGO NOT MANY PERSONS GAVE THE NON-COMMUNIST REGIME IN VIET NAM A CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. HE SAID IT NOT ONLY HAS SURVIVED BUT "HAS GOTTEN UNDER WAY A CONSTRUCTIVE AND IMAGINATIVE PROGRAM."

HE CREDITED THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH HAVING SUCCEEDED MAGNIFICENTLY AND SAID THIS WAS DUE BOTH TO THE CALIBER OF ITS LEADERS AND TO THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES.

MCGEE SPOKE OF WHAT HE CALLED "A DRAMATIC LAND REFORM PROGRAM" IN VIET NAM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARMY OF GREAT FIGHTING CAPACITY.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, MCGEE SAID HE FELT THIS GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY SHOULD MAKE BIRTH CONTROL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO OTHER NATIONS IF THEY REQUEST IT.

"THE MOST OVERWHELMING THING THAT STRIKES YOU IN THE FACE IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD," HE SAID, REFERRING TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, "IS THE POPULATION EXPLOSION."

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BY MILTON BESSER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 17 (AP)-A TOP U.N. ECONOMICS EXPERT RECOMMENDED TONIGHT A BROAD PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC AID TO LAOS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY A HIGH LEVEL U.N. OFFICIAL.

THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF PUTTING INTO LAOS THE "U.N. PRESENCE" REQUESTED BY OFFICIALS OF THAT TROUBLED SOUTHEAST ASIAN KINGDOM WITHOUT FORMALLY MAKING SUCH A DESIGNATION.

THE REPORT BY SAKARI TUOMIOJA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, SAID FOREIGN AID TO LAOS "HAS NOT SO FAR ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OR STRENGTHEND THE PRODUCTIVE

CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY."

HE SAID THERE WAS A NEED FOR PROJECTS AIMED AT RAISING THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION, DEVELOPING IRRIGATION TO STIMULATE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, ESTABLISHING SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES AND PROBING MINERAL, OIL AND TIMBER RESOURCES.

HE GAVE NO ESTIMATE OF HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD BE NEEDED TO GET SUCH A U.N. AID PROGRAM UNDER WAY.

THE UNITED STATES HAS ESTIMATED ITS FOREIGN AID TO LAOS AT 165 MILLION DOLLARS SINCE 1955 WITH ABOUT 60 PER CENT DEVOTED TO MILITARY PURPOSES. REPORTS FROM VIENTIANE SAY THE TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE ABOUT 60 MILLION DOLLARS IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT SENT SECRETLY TO LAOS.

U.S. OFFICIALS IN LAOS HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT EVEN WITH THAT MUCH MONEY THE LITTLE ASIAN KINGDOM CAN BE MADE ECONOMICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT.

TUOMIOJA UNDERTOOK HIS SURVEY AT THE DIRECTION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, WHO SPENT A WEEK IN LAOS LAST MONTH CONFERRING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THEY HAD REQUESTED THE STATIONING OF A U.N. PRESENCE TO DISCOURAGE WHAT THEY SAID WERE ATTEMPTS BY THE COMMUNIST NORTH VIET MINH TO OVERTURN THE GOVERNMENT.

A FOUR-NATION INQUIRY TEAM APPOINTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL FAILED TO FIND ANY EVIDENCE OF AN INVASION OF LAOS BY VIET MINH TROOPS, BUT IT SAID THERE WAS PROOF OF VIET MINH SAID TO THE REBELS INSIDE THE COUNTRY.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., DEC. 17 (AP)-SIR LESLIE MUNRO OF NEW ZEALAND, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, STALKED

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ANGRILY OUT OF A U. N. RADIO STUDIO TODAY AFTER A DISAGREEMENT WITH NEWS CORRESPONDENTS OVER THE RANGE OF QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN A PANEL DISCUSSION.

THE DIAGREEMENT DEVELOPED BEFORE MUNRO AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN PRESS ASSN. WERE TO TAPE A PROGRAM FOR BROADCAST TOMORROW ON NEW YORK CITY'S RADIO STATION WNYC.

MUNRO, NOW SPECIAL U.N. REPRESENTATIVE ON HUNGARY, INSISTED THAT ALL QUESTIONS BE CONFINED TO THE HUNGARIAN SITUATION. HE SPECIFICALLY RULED OUT THE FRENCH-ALGERIAN QUESTION. NEWSMEN TOLD HIM THE PROGRAM WAS TO BE DEVELOTED TO THE HUNGARIAN PROBLEM BUT THAT OTHER QUESTIONS MIGHT BE MENTIONED. MUNRO SAID HE WOULD NOT TAKE PART UNLESS THE OTHER SUBJECTS WERE BARRED.

THE STATION WILL USE A SUBSTITUTE PROGRAM.

THE FOREIGN PRESS ASSN. IS AN ORGANIZATION OF CORRESPONDENTS WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS AND NEWS AGENCIES.

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ADVANCE FOR 6:30 P.M. EST, THURSDAY, DEC. 17

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(ADVANCE) NEW YORK, DEC. 17 (AP)-ADLAI E. STEVENSON PROPOSES THAT THE FREE WORLD POOL ITS RESOURCES FOR A 40-YEAR, 200 BILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS. IT WOULD BE NEARLY 20 TIMES COSTLIER THAN AMERICA'S MARSHALL PLAN.

IN A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINE IN THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, STEVENSON WRITES:

"WE SHALL BE ENGAGED IN THIS PROGRAM FOR AT LEAST 40 YEARS... INFORMED OPINION TELLS US THAT AT LEAST FIVE BILLION DOLLAR A YEAR IS NEEDED--FROM ALL SOURCES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

"WE SHALL HAVE TO COORDINATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE EFFORT WITH OTHER NATIONS--NOT ONLY INVESTMENT BUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE, INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDITY AND SO FORTH.

"TO GET THE MAXIMUM RESULTS THE DEVELOPED NATIONS MUST ALL COOPERATE. THE TIME HAS CERTAINLY COME FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO SHARE MORE OF THE COMMON BURDEN OF ASSISTANCE. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THE UNITED STATES CANNOT EXPECT TO HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THE USE OF ALL ITS EXPENDITURES FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES."

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(STEVENSON HAS SAID HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION NEXT YEAR. BUT FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED TODAY'S 7,500-WORD ARTICLE HIS MOST COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN POLICY SINCE HIS 1956 CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY.)

STEVENSON WROTE:

"TO ME THE TWO MOST DANGEROUS REALITIES WE NOW FACE ARE THE MULTIPLICATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE DISPARITY IN LIVING STANDARDS BETWEEN THE RICH NATIONS AND THE POOR.

"SO I SUGGEST WE MUST MEET THE CRISES OF OUR TIME IN FOUR MAJOR AREAS: FIRST, WE MUST END THE GROWING GAP BETWEEN WEALTH AND POVERTY. IN DOING SO, WE MUST CREATE NEW SUPRA-NATIONAL PATTERNS AND INSTITUTIONS OF COOPERATION.

"THIRDLY, AS LONG AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXIST, THE DANGER OF THEIR USE EXISTS. WE MUST WORK FOR A DISARMED WORLD UNDER LAW AND ORGANIZED POLICE POWER--THE ONLY FINAL ANSWER TO THE THREAT OF ANNIHILATING WAR.

"AND LASTLY WE MUST EXTEND AS FAR AS LIES IN OUR POWER THE CONCEPT OF AN OPEN WORLD. FOR IT IS IN OUR ACCEPTANCE OF VARIETY AND DIFFERENCES, HARMONIZED BUT NOT SUPRESSED, THAT WE IN OUR TURN WORK NOT ONLY WITH THE TREND OF HISTORY BUT IN ACCORD WITH THE INGRAINED DIVERSITY OF MANKIND.

"OUR FAITH IS THAT IN THE LONG CONTEST THE TOTALITARIANS WILL GRADUALLY BE CONVERTED TO OUR WAY OF THINKING RATHER THAN WE TO THEIRS. OUR GOAL IS NOT JUST TO WIN A COLD WAR BUT TO PERSUADE A COLD WORLD."

STEVENSON ADVISED KEEPING OUR MILITARY GUARD UP FOR THE TIME BEING LEST THE FREE WORLD "TEMPT THE RUSSIANS WITH WEAKNESS."

"NEVERTHELESS," HE CONTINUED, "I THINK WE MAY BE APPROACHING THE TIME WHEN THE ARMS RACE WITH RUSSIA CAN BE ARRESTED. ONCE A REVOLUTIONARY REGIME LEAVES BEHIND ITS ADOLESCENT FANTICISM, RISK AND COST BECOME POWERFUL CONSIDERATIONS. I BELIEVE THEY EXERCISE GENUINE INFLUENCE IN MOSCOW TODAY AND THAT WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO ENCOURAGE THE TREND."

STEVENSON SAID THAT TO PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT "RUSSIA WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRINGING CHINA IN."

IN THIS CONNECTION, STEVENSON ADDED:

"ON OUR SIDE, CONCESSIONS WOULD PRESEUMABLY INCLUDE AN END TO THE AMERICAN EMBARGO ON CHINA'S ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION), THE EVACUATION OF QUEMOY AND MATSU AND THE INCLUSION OF KOREA AND JAPAN IN THE ATOM-FREE ZONE AND AREA OF CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT."

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NEW YORK, DEC. 17 (AP)-A SOVIET DIPLOMAT WHO RECENTLY DEFECTED TO THE UNITED STATES SAID TODAY THAT PROCESSES NOW AT WORK IN RUSSIA "WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM."

ALEXANDER Y. KAZNACHEYEV, IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE HE WAS WHISKED OUT OF RANGOON LAST JUNE, SAID THE COMMUNIST REGIME IS BEING FORCED TO RETREAT FROM ABSOLUTE DICTATORSHIP.

"EACH STEP IN THE REGIME'S RETREAT," HE SAID, "IS A STEP FORWARD IN THE EVENTUAL BURIAL OF THE COMMUNIST REGIME."

HE TOLD THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB THAT SOVIET PEOPLE FOR THE FIRST TIME ARE GETTING A TASTE OF FREEDOM, AND THIS MAKES THEM INSISTENT ON MORE OF IT.

"NOWADAYS THERE ARE EVEN POSSIBILITIES FOR STARTING SMALL OPPOSITION GROUPS WHICH WORK UNDER VARIOUS CAMOUFLAGES AND EVEN UNDERGROUND ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUPS," HE SAID. "SUCH THINGS WERE COMPLETELY UNTHINKABLE DURING STALIN'S TIME."

KAZNACHEYEV, 27, HAS BEEN KEPT UNDER WRAPS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SINCE SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE U.S. EMBASSY IN RANGOON. HE SAID HE WAS DONE WITH TYRANNY AND SOUGHT FREEDOM.

HE HAD BEEN THE INFORMATION OFFICER AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN RANGOON. HE IS NOW LIVING IN WASHINGTON.

HE SAID IN HIS ADDRESS THERE IS A MISCONCEPTION IN THE FREE WORLD THAT THE COMMUNIST REGIME "REPRESENTS AND IS SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE RUSSIAN NATIONALS." THIS IS A FALLACY, HE ASSERTED. HE SAID THAT RUSSIA, AT THE TIME OF STALIN'S DEATH IN 1953, WAS ON "THE VERGE OF AN EXPLOSION WHICH WOULD HAVE BURIED THE COMMUNIST REGIME, BUT STALIN'S DEATH PERMITTED DRASTIC COUNTER-MEASURES.

"THE REGIME HAD TO MAKE DEFINITE CONCESSIONS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE," HE STATED. "IT WAS A STEP BACK FROM ABSOLUTE AND UNCHALLENGED CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY AND A STEP FORWARD IN AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS."

NOW, HE SAID, WITH THE NECESSITY OF BRINGING SOME BALANCE OUT OF ITS MILITARY ECONOMY, THE COMMUNIST REGIME HAS HAD TO SEEK A RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND SLOW THE ARMS RACE.

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NIGHT LEAD UPHAUS

BY JOSEPH D. KAMIN

CONCORD, N.H., DEC. 17 (AP)-WHILE SITTING IN HIS CELL AT THE COUNTY JAIL, DR. WILLARD UPHAUS LOST ANOTHER KEY ROUND TODAY IN HIS FIVE-YEAR OLD BATTLE OF "CONSCIENCE" AGAINST THE POWER OF THE STATE.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT REJECTED THE 69-YEAR-OLD PACIFIST'S PLEA FOR FREEDOM ON BAIL PENDING THE OUTCOME OF HIS PLANNED APPEAL FROM A CONTEMPT CONVICTION.

THE NEW HAVEN, CONN., METHODIST LAYMAN WAS GIVEN A ONE-YEAR JAIL TERM LAST MONDAY NIGHT FOR DEFYING A LOWER COURT ORDER TO DISCLOSE A LIST OF NAMES DEMANDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN A STATE PROBE OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

"WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE WAY IT'S TO BE," UPHAUS SAID WHEN HE HEARD THE NEWS ON A RADIO AT THE JAIL IN BOSCAWEN OF HIS LATEST DEFEAT. A JAIL OFFICIAL SAID THE SELF-DESCRIBED "CHRISTIAN PACIFIST" THEN WENT BACK TO HIS WRITING AND BIBLE READING.

IN LACONIA, UPHAUS' LAWYER, HUGH BOWNES, SAID A FORMAL APPEAL OF THE CONTEMPT OF COURT CONVICTION WILL BE FILED "JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--PROBABLY WITHIN A MONTH."

UPHAUS, A FORMER PREACHER, CLAIMS HIS CONSCIENCE AND RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO GIVE ATTY. GEN. LOUIS C. WYMAN A LIST OF GUESTS WHO STAYED AT HIS WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CAMP IN CONWAY IN 1953 AND 1954.

WYMAN SAYS HE HAS INFORMATION THAT SOME OF THE GUESTS WERE COMMUNISTS AND THAT THERE WERE "SUBSTANTIAL INDICATIONS OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE" AT THE CAMP.

THE COURT'S ACTION MEANS THAT UPHAUS WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN JAIL--UNLESS HE CHOOSES TO "PURGE" HIMSELF OF CONTEMPT BY PRODUCING THE INFORMATION WYMAN SAYS HE NEEDS TO COMPLETE A SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES PROBE HE WAS ORDERED TO CONDUCT BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

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NIGHT LEAD PROFESSOR

NEW YORK, DEC. 17 (AP)-DR. EDWARD V. SITTLER, THE COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO RENOUNCED HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP THE DAY AFTER WORLD WAR II BROKE OUT AND BECAME A BROADCASTER FOR NAZI GERMANY LOST A FIRST ROUND TODAY IN HIS FIGHT TO REGAIN HIS BIRTHRIGHT. 6-53

THE CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION FROM THE 43-YEAR-OLD EDUCATOR WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS BECAUSE HE WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED AS REQUIRED BY TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

SITTLER, WHO RESIGNED YESTERDAY FROM LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY'S

C.W. POST COLLEGE AMID A MOUNTING STORM OF PROTEST OVER HIS PAST NAZI MEMBERSHIP, SAID HE WOULD APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP AGAIN ON JAN. 4.

SITTLER WAS CURSED AN HARANGUED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN AS HE LEFT THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

"YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ALLOWED HERE," THE HECKLER SHOUTED. "YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THIS COUNTRY, A TRAITOR, A DIRTY NAZI ...."

SITTLER, AN ENGLISH AND GERMAN LITERATURE TEACHER, APPEARED UNMOVED BY THE OUTBURST.

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND ANOTHER COUPLE, SITTLER ENTERED A CAB AND DROVE AWAY.

A FEW MOMENTS PREVIOUSLY SITTLER TOLD WAITING NEWSMEN HE WAS BITTER ABOUT TREATMENT HE HAD RECEIVED IN SOME NEWSPAPERS AND INSISTED HE HAD NEVER SURRENDERED "MY BELIEF IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION," ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED HE HAD HAD "BLIND MOMENTS" IN THE PAST.

SITTLER MAINTAINED HE HAD DEMONSTRATED REPEATEDLY IN THE LAST 12 YEARS SINCE RETURNING TO AMERICA, HIS ATTACHMENT TO THE U. S. CONSTITUTION AND SAID "THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS OF PERSONS WHO COULD ATTEST TO THAT."

PETER A. ESPERDY, DISTRICT DIRICTOR OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, SAID AN INVESTIGATION WHICH MIGHT TAKE FROM 10 TO 45 DAYS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE PROFESSOR RENEWS HIS APPLICATION NEXT MONTH.

ESPERDY SAID SOME PERSONS, WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY, HAD SUPPLIED INFORMATION ABOUT SITTLER, MOST OF IT UNFAVORABLE.

ESPERDY EXPLAINED THERE IS NOTHING IN FEDERAL LAWS TO PROHIBIT A ONE TIME NAZI FROM BECOMING AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND THAT MANY FORMER NAZI PARTY MEMBERS HAD BEEN NATURALIZED.

THE ONLY RESTRICTION IN AMERICAN LAW, ESPERDY SAID, APPLIED TO FORMER COMMUNISTS.

DR. SITTLER, BORN AT DELAWARE, OHIO, WENT TO GERMANY IN 1937 AS A STUDENT. AFTER HITLER'S LEGIONS SWARMED INTO POLAND IN AUGUST, 1939, TO LAUNCH WORLD WAR II, SITTLER RENOUNCED HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP,

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JOINED THE NAZI PARTY AND BECAME A WAR-TIME PROPAGANDA BROADCASTER FOR GERMANY.

HE WAS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1946 TO TESTIFY IN TREASON TRIALS OF TWO AMERICANS WHO BROADCAST FOR THE NAZIS WITHOUT RENOUNCING THEIR U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

SITTLER ESCAPED PROSECUTION HIMSELF BECAUSE HE WAS NOT THEN AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

HE WAS DEPORTED TO CUBA IN 1954. HE RETURNED TO AMERICA THE SAME YEAR VIA CANADA UNDER THE BRITISH QUOTA.

HIS WIFE HAS DUAL BRITISH-GERMAN CITIZENSHIP, BUT SHE ALSO HAS STARTED ACTION TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

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LONDON, DEC. 17 (AP)-A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ASSURED PARLIAMENT TODAY BRITAIN IS IN NO DANGER FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WEST GERMANY'S HANDS. S-84

THE QUESTION WAS RAISED BY LABORITE WILLIAM WARBEY, WHO ASSERTED THAT "IF GERMAN MISSILES WERE TO BE USED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO BLAST EVERY CITY IN THE BRITISH ISLES."

R. A. ALLAN, UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, REPLIED THAT WEST GERMANY HAS NO CHANCE OF MAKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS EVEN SECRETLY.

ITS FEW COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, HE SAID, DEPEND ON THE WEST FOR FISSILE MATERIAL AND "THERE IS PROVISION FOR INSPECTION TO BE CARRIED OUT TO ENSURE THAT THE MATERIAL IS NOT USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES."

"THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS COULD NOT BE CONCEALED OR CAMOUFLAGED AND AS FAR AS I CAN SEE GERMANY CAN NOT PRODUCE SUCH ARMS IN ANY CLANDESTINE WAY," ALLAN ADDED.

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(220) NIGHT LEAD UNDERGROUND TESTS
WASHINGTON, DEC. 17 (AP)-GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS, TRYING TO DETERMINE WHETHER UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS COULD BE MUFFLED TO AVOID DETECTION, TODAY IGNITED 40 POUNDS OF CONVENTIONAL HIGH EXPLOSIVES 800 FEET DOWN IN A LOUISIANA SALT MINE.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WHICH ANNOUNCED THE BLASTS OF TWO 20-POUND NON-NUCLEAR CHARGES, SAID THEY WERE THE FIRST OF 10 PLANNED AT THE MINE AS PART OF THE STUDY PROGRAM. THE BIGGEST CHARGE TO BE FIRED WILL TOTAL ABOUT FIVE TONS.

TODAY'S TEST WAS CONDUCTED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT IN THE MINE OF THE CAREY SALT CO. AT WINNFIELD, LA., AEC SAID IN DESCRIBING THE PROGRAM AS AIMED AT CHECKING "THE SEISMIC EFFECTS RESULTING FROM THESE EXPLOSIONS."

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WESTERN ATOMIC POWERS AND RUSSIA OVER A POSSIBLE BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS HAVE PIVOTED IN LARGE PART AROUND THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SNEAK TESTS COULD BE CONDUCTED UNDERGROUND TO ESCAPE DETECTION.

CERTAIN KEY SCIENTISTS HELD THE VIEW THAT SEISMOGRAPHS--GENERALLY USED TO MEASURE THE INTENSITY OF EARTHQUAKES AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF THE EARTH'S CRUST--COULD TELL WHEN THERE HAD BEEN A BELOW-GROUND NUCLEAR TEST BLAST PERHAPS THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY.

HOWEVER, A WHITE HOUSE BOARD OF SCIENTISTS SAID LAST JUNE THAT UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS MIGHT BE MUFFLED CONSIDERABLY BY USING TECHNIQUES THEY CALLED "SEISMIC DECOUPLING."

IN SHORT, THEY CONCEIVED THAT THE TRANSMISSION OF SOUND WAVES THROUGH THE EARTH'S CRUST MIGHT BE MUTED BY PLACING SOME KIND OF MUFFLER BETWEEN AN EXPLOSION AND THE CRUST.

IT IS THIS DECOUPLING TECHNIQUE THEORY WHICH AEC APPARENTLY IS TRYING OUT IN THE LOUISIANA SALT MINE.

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D NIGHT LEAD FALLOUT (300)
PLEASANTON,CALIF., DEC. 17 (AP)-NINETY-SIX BEARDED MEN, EYES BLINKING AT THE SUNLIGHT, STUMBLED UP FROM TWO WEEKS OF A MOLE-LIKE UNDERGROUND EXISTENCE. THEY WERE HUMAN EXPERIMENTS IN HOW TO SURVIVE NUCLEAR FALLOUT.

EACH HAD LOST 3 TO 5 POUNDS. THE MEN'S SKIN HAD A CONFINEMENT PALLOR.

TWO NEEDS WERE UPPERMOST--A BATH AND A BIG MEAL.

BUT THE 96 ALL SAID THAT,IF NEED BE, THEY COULD HAVE REMAINED FOR TWO MORE WEEKS IN THE 1,200 SQUARE FOOT STEEL QUONSET HUT 20 FEET BELOW THE EARTH'S SURFACE.

"A COMPLETE SUCCESS," SAID DR.WOLMER STROPE, CHIEF OF THE U.S. NAVY RADIOLOGY LABORATORY'S MILITARY EVALUATION DIVISION.

HE HAD SPENT THE TIME WITH THE MEN. DR.STROPE SAID IT WAS THE LARGEST SUCH TEST IN THE NATION.

ONE HUNDRED MEN--INCLUDING 95 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SANTA RITA REHABILITATION CENTER--BEGAN THE TEST.

ONE HAD TO COME OUT A WEEK AGO BECAUSE OF A THROAT INFECTION.

A SECOND LEFT MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS AHEAD OF RELEASE THURSDAY FOR THE SAME REASON. TWO OTHERS LEFT A FEW HOURS EARLIER BECAUSE THEY WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE COURT APPEARANCES.

THE MEN HAD SUBSISTED ON PEANUT BUTTER BARS, STANDARD ARMY C RATIONS AND A SPECIAL DIET DEVELOPED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

THE ONLY CONTACTS WERE A TWO-WAY RADIO OPERATED BY DR.STROPE AND A CLOSED TELEVISION CIRCUIT BY WHICH PSYCHOLOGISTS ON THE OUTSIDE KEPT THE MEN UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE.

TO PASS THE TIME, THE MEN CONDUCTED A 'ROUND-THE-CLOCK FLOATING CRAP GAME, BRIDGE TOURNAMENT AND WHIST TOURNAMENT. SOME PLAYED SHUFFLE BOARD.

AUXILIARY POWER BROUGHT IN AIR THROUGH BAFFLED VENTILATORS. AN AUXILIARY GENERATOR SUPPLIED ELECTRICITY. THE MEN HAD 15,000 GALLONS OF WATER AT THE START. WHEN THEY GOT OUT, THE WATER WAS ALMOST EXHAUSTED.

TONIGHT, A BIG MEAL, FEATURING STEAK, WAS SUPPLIED THE MEN AT THE REHABILITATION CENTER.

ALMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF H.P. (JACK) GLEASON, SAID HE WOULD ASK THE COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE VOLUNTEERS IN ARRANGING FOR THEIR EARLY RELEASE FROM THE CENTER.

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